

## APRIL SPEAKER WILL TELL IT LIKE IT IS

Acting Executive Director John E. Jacobs of the Washington Urban League, Inc., will tell the April 28 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association about the new role of the League in race relations. Mr. Jacobs, who first came to Washington in 1953 from Houston, Texas, to attend Howard University, differs with those who say jobs are the basic key to improving race relations.

Overcoming attitudes so deeply entrenched as to be embedded in white subconscious is the first concern of the League and Mr. Jacob. His evaluation is based on his boyhood in the South, his undergraduate

and graduate work in economics and social work, his experience as a social worker in Baltimore, directing the first branch of the League in Alexandria, as well as his current dealings with Plans for Progress employers. It is not enough to hire a Negro if his promotion is not taken for granted the same as for a white employee.

As usual, the April 28 meeting will take place at 8 p.m. in Pillsbury Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K St., N.W. Plan to attend and prove that community participation is not just something expected of ghetto residents!

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## FOGGY BOTTOM GET-TOGETHER

How many of your neighbors do you know? Wouldn't you like to get acquainted with more of the people in Foggy Bottom? On Saturday, May 24 - rain date May 25 - the Foggy Bottom Association will sponsor a "Get-Together" in the courtyard of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. The purpose is to give people who live in our neighborhood, but who rarely see each other, an opportunity to meet. There will be entertainment and refreshments, and prizes for the lucky ones with the right numbers. The party starts at 5:00 and is free to everyone who lives in Foggy Bottom. Please come and bring your friends.

Watch Next month's News for more details about arrangements.

## UPCOMING NOMINEES

The June FBA meeting will be devoted primarily to election of officers for the next year. Start thinking of nominees now, turn them in to the nominating committee—Lucy Briggs, Al Cottrell, Mrs. Hazel Haney, Rufus Lisle, Father Richard Martin—or to the News, c/o Bob Anderson, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 20037.

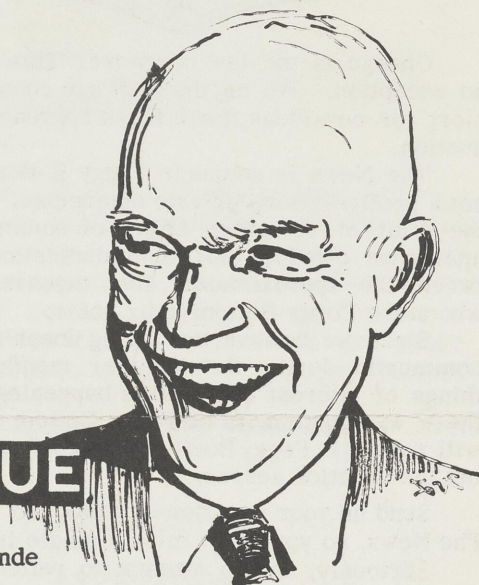
## COLUMBIA PLAZA GROWING PAINS

There is a dialogue between the residents of Columbia Plaza, the Management, and the Owner. Residents organized and petitioned about the lack of shops and swimming pool. One joker (not the management) said, "They have a liquor store and a bank. What more do they want?"

Shannon and Luchs, the property managers, told the FB News that the shops and swimming pool will be completed and that a statement is being prepared concerning the schedule.

## CRITIQUE

By William S. Lande



The headline "EISENHOWER SPORTS ARENA URGED FOR MALL" caused heated arguments immediately.

A story in the April 3rd Evening Star started the arguments by reporting Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, R-Va. proposing the multipurpose arena... "to be built on the Mall...." The mental picture of "built on the Mall" was unfortunate. The site of the World War I "temporary" buildings along Constitution Ave. near Foggy Bottom appears to be the area that Rep. Broyhill had in mind, but the Star didn't say so.

In addition to filling the great need for such a multipurpose facility, this location would eliminate the architectural "eye sores" on an otherwise beautiful avenue. Most of the building could be underground, completely hidden from the Mall. Direct underground vehicular connection to nearby Roosevelt bridge could be provided as was proposed by the D.C. plan to tunnel the Mall in order to connect to the S.W. Freeway east of the Tidal Basin.

By day the proposed Memorial's underground parking could serve well to loosen the jam of tourist cars.

Next month Bill Lattin will dissent on the location but not on the need.



## COOPERATION CAN KILL SCALE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture investigating entomologist confirmed our March column statement that Foggy Bottom's infestation of Scale insects should be treated by professionals and if possible on a cooperative community basis. It must be remembered that sprays are poisons and require careful handling. It is now too late for the "dormant sprays". Those that will control the new generation of insects can not be applied until July. The professional will know best when to spray and how much in order to be completely effective. In the meantime rub off as much scale as possible. The insects under the scale will then die.

This is our last column before moving back to Rochester. We have learned much and enjoyed it all. Is there a Foggy Bottom balcony or dooryard gardener who will take my scrapbook of monthly columns and carry on? It's fun. Phone 659-9096.

Mary Lande



# The Editor's Chest



Change is the law of nature. This newspaper is no exception. We on the staff are continually on the alert for new ideas, for a fresh approach to our production.

The News is unique in Foggy Bottom in that it is not a profit-seeking private enterprise. Our paper is the fruit of volunteer effort of community minded apartment dwellers as a communication vehicle between the approximately five thousand individuals who make Foggy Bottom their home.

Since we believe that living doesn't cease in our community during the summer months, and since things of interest don't cease happening at that time, there will continue to be Foggy Bottom news, and you will read it in Foggy Bottom News each month throughout the vacation season.

Send us your vacation address and we'll mail you The News, so you won't miss a single issue.

Seriously, we do attempt to reflect the pulse of Foggy Bottom citizens and their thoughts. So pick up the phone if you are one of McLuhan's electric circuitry generation, or write a letter if you're older. Get it off your chest, and we will pass it on to the readers.

Response to our "Help!" queries has been most heartening. You will notice the new names added to our "Masthead." This month the call goes forth for a bookkeeper to send bills once a month, and for anyone who likes to sketch. Many girls like to sketch but think they have no talent.

Send a sketch to Bob Anderson, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 20037, or phone FE 3-7641, day or nite.

FOGGY  
BOTTOM  
FARMERETTE



25th and Eye may well be the "cross roads" of the most interesting dooryard gardens in the Capital or the Nation. There are not so many visible in any other area of this city. Each year brick, flagstone, tulips, boxwood and roses call attention to yet another.

The locale seems ideal for duplicating Baltimore's Mt. Vernon Place Flower Mart. There on a day in May all the city comes for their flats of

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## KNOW YOUR LIBRARY....

A public facility not fully utilized as yet by area residents is the West End Branch of the D.C. library system. Located on 24th and L Streets in a modern, 2-story building the library was inaugurated 26 months ago and is open 9:00-9:00 daily except Sundays. (Children's hours beginning April 28 are, however, staggered: 9:00-5:30 Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays; 12:30-9:00 Tuesdays, Thursdays; and 1:30-5:30 Fridays.)

**Facilities.** The circulating library for adults includes, in addition to books, framed prints (available for 8-week loan periods), and phonograph records (music, literature, languages, dictation).

The first floor has a browsing area, reference reading room, individual study carrels for students, and a record listening booth.

Librarian Raymond Elgin says that, as of June 1968, the library had about 40,000 books (almost 2/3 of its capacity of 60,000), about 27,000 of which are for adults, including the college student group. "While adult use is good," Mr. Elgin remarked, "we can still serve more."

The children's section on the second floor offers, plus the usual library fare, recordings for children, puzzles, and games - up to the eighth grade level. A new service contemplated by this section is a "Picture Book Time" in the morning for pre-school children. To get the project started, however, at least 10 parents from the area served by West End Library must indicate their willingness to bring their children to attend this class. Interested parties are invited to call the Children's Section, phone 965-1270.

## WEST END LIBRARY FILM SCHEDULE....

April 25, 3:30 p.m. (For Children Only) - "Johnny Appleseed," "Ti-jean Goes Lumbering," and "I've Been There in a Book."

May 5, 7:30 p.m. - "Ancient Peruvian" (27 min.): the rise and fall of ancient cultures contrasted with modern Peru; "Mystery of Stonehenge" (57 min.): modern science explains an ancient monument in Britain. (This ends the spring series of films.)

**Other Services.** The Library offers, free of charge to associations, use of its meeting room on the second floor. In this same room free movies are scheduled fortnightly in spring, fall, and winter. A coin-operated machine located on the first floor is also available for making copies.

Borrowers may request books available in the Central Library through this branch, and return through them.

**Who can borrow?** Any one, regardless of nationality, who lives, works, studies, or owns property in D.C. may take out a borrower's card.

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## FOGGY DOINGS

Recent Returnees Department: Potomac Plaza's VORDA HONNOLD journeyed to Portugal, isn't there a song about April in Portugal? ... Old friends of KIM will be glad to hear she is back in FB, and she looks forward to seeing them at Marg-Ann's.

Former FBA President DON CARBONE came near to returning to the Bottom. He got as far as the White House, showing off his 9-month-old daughter to co-workers (and to King Hussein whose arrival provided the occasion for their journey from Maryland).

Returning to normality after completion of her master's thesis is LUCY BRIGGS. Lucy is FBA Secretary, and linguistics has been her thing for "much too long".... The Tidal Basin was rivaled, on a smaller scale, by that lovely cherry tree in CAROL ANDERSON's Eye Street yard - and she had camellias, too.

MARGE SMYTHE, the perky pioneer resident of Columbia Plaza, is leaving the Washington Senators to do liaison between the White Sox Farm and Scout Departments.... The Plaza's manager, CLARENCE BELL, and his wife were among the first passengers on the Metro-Liner to the Fun City.

Missing from the 25th Street scene is THURSTON WOOD, who has moved to Hyattsville, along with his feline menagerie.

The decor was definitely red, white and blue for the festivities celebrating the "Americanization" of MOIRA MATHIESON, who lives at 925 25th and became a U.S. citizen on April 8.

A columnist usually doesn't write a personal note but this time wants to warn against household accidents. The mishap (a badly bruised toe) was caused by an implement common around career girls' apartments - a falling carpenter's level.

Coincidence Department: Washington Circle Drugs' BOB SINKER tended a woozy young lady customer one evening. Turns out her ailment was a reaction to her vaccination for a trip to Aruba, which was one of the stops on Bob's March vacation.

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Foggy Bottom Association officers: Charles Schoeneman, Pres.; Eleanor Becker, V. Pres.; Lucy Briggs, Secy.; Harriet Gruger, Treas.; Rev. F. Everett Abbott, Rev. Richard Martin, John Fanning, Wm. Lattin, Members of Executive Board. FB News Staff: Bob Anderson, Editor; Bill Lattin, Ellie Becker, Margaret Pallansch, Cora Siddayao, Contributing Editors; Lonnie Sutor, Marjorie Wheatley, John Fanning, Harriet Gruger, Betty Brown, Kip Thoreson, Lucy Briggs, Morella Hansen, Al Cottrell, and Carol Stratman, Distributors.

## Harding Salon of Beauty



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### FOGGY BOTTOM FARMERETTE

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flowers and to show off their spring finery. Bussed-in school children get balloons and business men slip away from their offices to eye the beauty of the girls, gardens, fountains and statuary.

In such a setting, buying plants for one's balcony or garden can be a pleasure and raise money for a cause - maybe for a Foggy Bottom Town Hall fund.

JOIN

FOGGY BOTTOM

ASSOCIATION

He was bending low catching blowing papers as he crossed K St. The traffic stopped us in the center. "You are a rare breed," I said, and he replied, "My sourdough Alaskan grandfather taught me to leave a portage better than I found it. In Stockholm a discarded cigarette is handed back to you. So easy we could keep Foggy Bottom neat." Then he whistled on his way.

Polaroid camera manufacturers are neat. Their film packs contain the message "PLEASE PUT IN WASTE BASKET." Why is there so much paper on 25th Street?

Dandelion greens are at their tender best right now, and abound where lawns are poor—along street curbs, parking lots and in many dooryards. On a walk to and along the Potomac you can pick enough for several salads.

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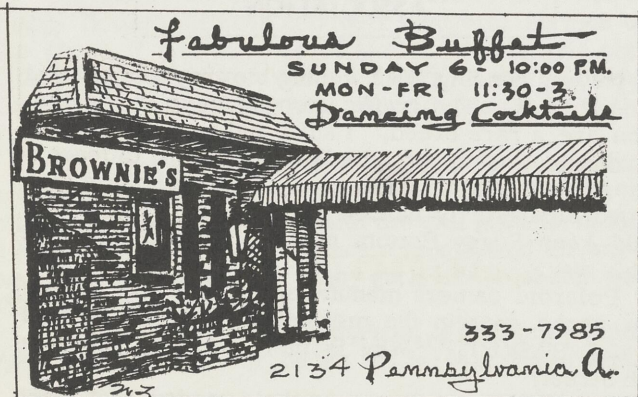


## MUSE ings

By  
William Lande

George Gershwin came to see the Kennedy Center and the "outdoor art from every land and state." When I first saw him, he was at the outdoor art east of the Memorial along the Expressway. He was smiling at the panel of the New Jersey combo, while his head was slightly bent and turned as if to listen to the Mockingbird high up on Watergate. In my excitement I stumbled and the listener turned, and smiled and repeated Henry David Thoreau's words, "If you walk softly you will hear the music." Then he turned to the Potomac and the approaching jet that my ears were not yet tuned to. "Listen to the deep throated hurricane music coming. When they are out-climbing up you can sometimes hear the kettle drum undertone sounds, and when they are in-coming down the tones are much softer. Of course the turboprop Electra is different—a lady; incoming down she whispers; outgoing up a soprano. One of the twin jets has bell tones in its coasting downhill sound."

When I left him at Memorial bridge looking up at the beautiful golden people on their golden horses, he was listening to the Netherlands Carillion on the breeze from Arlington.



## YOUNG SINGLES

It's good to see post college age young singles turning up at Foggy Bottom Association meetings in ever increasing numbers. They are visible evidence that you don't have to be an old fogey or own real estate to be interested in the community you live in.

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